

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 3-5 are pending in this case. The present Amendment cancels Claims 1, 2, and 6 without prejudice or disclaimer; and amends Claims 3 and 4. Support for amended Claims 3 and 4 can be found in original Claims 3 and 4. No new matter has been added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 3 and 4 were objected to because of informalities; Claims 1, 2, and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Hays et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,777,760; hereinafter "Hays"); and Claims 3-5 were indicated as allowable.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter. In light of this indication, and in order to obtain early issuance of a patent from the present application, Claims 1, 2, and 6 have been cancelled. Further, Claims 3 and 4 have been amended only to correct cosmetic matters of form. Accordingly, only claims including allowable subject matter remain pending, and no further issues are believed to be outstanding.

Consequently, in view of the present Amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for formal Allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.


Respectfully submitted,

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